ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Shelby Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Mars Hill Baptist Church, Jefferson County, Alabama.

AUGUST 29TH AND 30TH, 1894.

OFFICERS:

Rev. E. B. TEAGUE, D. D. Moderator, Columbiana, Ala.
Rev. C. W. O'HARA, Clerk & Treasurer, Columbiana, Ala.

The next session of the Association will be held with Jemison Church, Chilton County, Ala., commencing on Wednesday before the 1st Sunday in September, 1895.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Introductory Sermon
3. Read Letters from Churches.
4. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Invite Visiting Members to Seats.
6. Invite Churches to join the Association.
7. Appoint Committees on Devotion, Finance and Nominations.
8. Fill Vacancies in Standing Committees.
9. Call for Correspondence.
10. Return Correspondence.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Adjourn.

SECOND DAY.

13. Devotional Exercises.
14. Read Minutes of the First Day and Call the Roll.
15. Report on Family Religion.
16. Report on Education.
17. Missions—State, Home and Foreign.
18. Missionary Sermon.
19. Report on Ministerial Education.
20. Report on Periodicals.
21. Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers.

THIRD DAY.

22. Report of Colporteur.
23. Report on Bible and Colportage Work.
24. Report on Temperance.
25. Report on Sabbath Schools.
26. Report on Nominations.
27. Report on Finance
28. Report of Treasurer.
29. Appoint Standing Committees to report at next session.
30. Order Clerk's Salary paid and 500 copies of Minutes printed.
31. Miscellaneous Business.
32. Adjourn.

MINUTES.

The Shelby Association convened with Mars Hill church ..n the 29th day of August, 1894.

The appointee to preach the Introductory Sermon not be-ng present, the Executive committee appointed Rev. W. R. ..vey, of Bessemer, to preach. He preached from Matt. 7: 21-22-23. Adjourned one hour for dinner.

At 1, p m., the Association convened and was called to ..rder by the Moderator. Rev. T. F. Hendon read the 19th Psalm and offered prayer.

Brothers W. R. Ivey and T. F. Hendon read the letters rom the churches and the names of messengers were enrolled ..s follows:

Brierfield—By Letter.
Bethlehem—Not represented.
Bethesda—Jesse Stone.
Calera—By Letter.
Cahaba Valley—Ross Crider.
Columbiana—E. B. Teague, W. L. Davis, C. W. O'Hara
Center Hill—James C. Coker.
Dogwood Grove—Not represented.
Enon—J. W. Whitfield.
Florence—J. M. Crenshaw.
Helena—C. L. Whittemore and J. D Martin.
Jemison—J. M. Langston and T. C. Hand.
Kingdom—Not represented.
Liberty—W. A Weldon, J. T. J. Wilder, W. J. Jackson, nd L. W. Chesser.
Longview—L. P. Arnold.
Montevallo—H. C. Reynolds.
Macedonia—Not represented.
Mars Hill—W. J. Nunnally, A. A. Winfield and James ampbell.
Mt. Calvary—H. C. Taul, A. J. Shaw, J. L. Mooney.

New Prospect—Not represented.
New Antioch—Not represented.
Rocky Ridge—J. R. Davis and James Carter.
Six Mile—R. H. Pratt, Frank Farrington, J. S. Moore.
Summer Hill—Letter and funds.
Shelby—S. J. May.

The former Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer were re-elected by acclamation.

A song of welcome was sung by the Mars Hill Sund School, followed by appropriate words of response by the Mo erator.

Invited visiting ministers to seats: There were prese from the Birmingham Association, Rev. W. R. Ivey. Rev. J. W. O'Hara, Rev T. F. Hendon and W. L. Crotwell. From the Columbia Association, Rev. W. C. Cleveland and Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary of S. B. of M., from the state at large, and the same were recognized as correspondents from their respective associations.

Appointed committees:

On Devotional Exercises—Pastor and Messengers of Mars Hill church.

On Finance—J. M. Crenshaw, L. W Chesser and James C. Coker.

On Nominations—H. C. Reynolds, J. T. J. Wilder, Frank Farrington.

Filled vacancies on standing committees:

On Family Religion—J. D. Martin, W. A Weldon and J. R. Davis.

On Periodicals—H. C. Reynolds, W. L. Davis and Jesse Stone.

On Aged and Infirm Ministers—H. C. Taul, W. W. Ray, and James Carter.

On Temperance—L. P. Arnold, A. J. Shaw, W. J. Nunnally.

Invited churches to join the Association: None.

Returned correspondents: To the Coosa River Association, H. C. Taul and E. B. Teague. Birmingham Association, J. D. Martin. Mulberry Association, J. A. Skaggs.

Rev. W. B. Crumpton addressed the Association in the interest of the Alabama Baptist and the S. B. of M. Rev. W. C. Cleveland addressed the Association in interest of the State Board of Missions.

The Committee on Revision of Constitution was read, amended and adopted. [See revised constitution in this minute.]

Appointed a prorating committee, consisting of R. H. Pratt, A J. Shaw and C. L. Whittemore.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was read. After prayer by W. C. Cleveland Association adjourned to to 9, a.m., Thursday.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, August 30, 1894.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Rev. J. W. O'Hara read the 3rd chapter of Collossians and offered prayer.

On motion, the report on Education was read and a joint discussion upon education was entered upon by R. H. Pratt. Discussion was suspended, and the report on education was re-committed and R. H. Pratt was added to the committee. Discussions on Ministerial Education continued. On motion of R. H. Pratt, Rev. J. W. O'Hara, formerly of this Association, made a statement of his convictions as to the call to the ministry, to the gratification and satisfaction of the body, after which Rev. W. R. Ivey and Rev. W. C. Cleveland spoke on Ministerial Education. On motion suspended discussion and made the reports on Ministerial Education and Education the special order for 1, p.m.

The report on Family Religion was read, received and discussed by J. D. Martin and W. B. Crumpton and report adopted:

REPORT ON FAMILY RELIGION.

Your Committee on Family Religion submit the following:

We know of no way by which we might furnish a statistical showing as to the extent that religion is practiced in the home, but believe that in some humble way a sweet religious influence is exerted in many homes in the bounds of the Shelby Association. We earnestly pray that every Christian in this Association restrain not himself, but that each one may in some humble way, suffer religious light to so shine to those about us, and especially to those of our own house that religion may stand out as a grand principle, and not as a myth or a mere profession. Let us be in our homes just what we profess to be before the public, and God's name will be abundantly glorified whether it can ever be demonstrated here by figures or not "Satan trembles when he sees the humblest saint upon his knees." Respectfully submitted,

JAMES D. MARTIN, Chairman.

On motion, the Missionary Sermon was waived, and the

reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions and Colportage work were read, received and discussed by Rev. W. C. Crumpton, C. W. O'Hara, J. D. Martin, W. R. Ivey, A. J Shaw, H. C. Taul, and the reports adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions is the foundation of all other missions, the basis of operations from which the rivers of the earth are to be reached. This foundation has been strengthened, and the basis made more accessible by a combination of the work of State Missions, Ministerial Education and Colportage work under the supervision of one board, known as the State Board of Missions located at Montgomery under the same roof with the Alabama Baptist, which in our judgment is a wise arrangement. Under this arrangement with a short conventional year of eight months and the unsurpassed financial stringency of the times, the results have been very gratifying.

Our Evangelists have done a good work: Four new churches organized, twenty-seven Sunday Schools organized, three hundred and eighteen persons received by letter, three hundred and thirty-three baptised, $2,741.72 collected for Meeting Houses, $680.00 for State Missions, $50.98 for Home Missions, $132.10 for Foreign Missions, $113.15 for Ministerial Education, $93 52 for Orphan's Home.

The great influx into our state, into our mining and manufacturing towns has forced the Board to give special attention to these centers for several years in the past. But as these places are now mostly provided for, it proposed by means of our Evangelists and Colporteurs to give the State a thorough canvass, carrying the gospel by men full of the Holy Spirit and by God's written word into the homes of the people, penetrating all the nooks and corners, and hills, and valleys of our great State.

We recommend that the Shelby Association come to the front and stand nobly by the side of these men of God as they break the Bread of Life to the perishing; yes, come by our prayers, sympathy, means, and hearty co-operation. J. F. Averyt, Cairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions regrets to report a falling off in contributions in Alabama during the past year, to this very important branch of Mission work. The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention employed last conventional year, 381 missionaries, who organized 138 churches, baptised 4,470 persons, and received by letter 4,039 members and established 429 Sunday schools with 19,381 teachers and pupils.

These 381 missionaries are distributed over the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention where the State Mission Boards are not able to cover the territory, and among the colored people,

Indians, and in Cuba. The Board gives special attention to foreigners who arrive on our shores by the thousands annually. The Board reports progress among these as very slow, on account of superstition and erroneous views, imbibed in their native lands, but most of the converts among them are very devoted to the Master's cause, and they are more liberal than the average Baptist of Anglo-Saxon birth.

By reference to the minutes of our last association you will see that eleven churches in our Association gave nothing to Missions; yet they call themselves Missionary Baptists. Bro. Pastor is not this your fault? Look at the minutes and see who the Pastors of these churches are. We believe if our Pastors would instruct their people on the subject of Missions, and give them an opportunity, every church in our Association would be represented in this great work of giving the Gospel to every creature.

We believe, if we were able to give these people the Gospel, it would go a long way toward arresting the spirit of anarchy, socialism and communism so prevalent among them

The work among the Indians is prosperous, and we now have 16 associations, 301 churches, with a membership of 13,844.

The work in Cuba continues prosperous, and the hold which the Catholic church has so long held upon the spiritual and temporal interests of that people is fast being broken.

From its very organization, the Southern Baptist Convention has been interested in the welfare of the negroes, and have tried to give religious instruction to them, and the Board has concluded, after long years of experience, that its chief work among them must be the better fitting of their active ministry, for the instruction and government of their churches—and Rev. W. H. McAlpine (col.), of this state, has done very effectual work in that direction.

The work ought to be enlarged in our great cities, on the frontier, and the mountain regions, but it cannot be done without more money, and this money must come from the Baptist host of this country—something from every one should be our motto.

God has blessed us abundantly with abountiful crop this year, and let us show our appreciation by giving something to advance His kingdom on earth, to bless our fellow-man, and get a blessing ourselves by doing our duty. Respectfully submitted,

J. K. Milner, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We have had a year unprecedented in financial stringency, and yet we have great reason to thank God for his mercies and blessings that have rested upon the work of the Board during the past year.

On the 30th of June, 1893, Dr. H. A. Tupper, who faithfully and efficiently served as corresponding secretary of the Board for twenty-one years, and declined to accept the position again, although unanimously re-elected and urged to do so. After much prayer and careful deliberation, on July 23, 1893, the Board unanimously elected Robert J. Willingham, D. D., to fill the position of corresponding secretary, and on the 1st of September following he

entered upon the duties of his office.

The change of officers was necessarily attended with some confusion, and yet God has moved upon the hearts of our people to give about as much as any former year, except the centennial. So that the Board has not only kept those already in the field at work, but have sent out twelve new missionaries, and seven others are under appointment anxious to go this fall.

The Baptists of Alabama, and the call comes to you of Shelby Association, to help to sustain this work, by your sympathy, your prayers and your money. From all of our foreign field comes cheering reports of the work being done. The Board received from all sources during the conventional year, $103,332.69. Our Board came to the convention at Dallas, Texas, burdened with a debt of $30,000. About $20,000 of this amount was raised during the convention. To prevent this indebtedness of the Board, and thus save to the denomination the interest paid on money borrowed to supply the missionaries on the fields, we need regular and systematic contributions.

God is opening the way and bids us enter the fields already "white unto harvest." The command still stands: "Go ye, into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," and the cry for help comes from every quarter of the globe. Let us pray "Thy Kingdom Come," and work with all our might to bring the answer to our prayers, and let us rejoice that we are called to be coworkers with God, and if we cannot go in person to the foreign field, let us help to send those whom God has called to this work, and thus our light will shine, not only in the circle in which we move, but to earth's remotest bounds; and we will fulfill the great mission for which God has called us into his Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. Lowery, Chairman.

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

Your Committee on Bible and Colportage work report as follows:

We believe no more effective agency could be fostered by us than to have a Missionary Colporteur employed in our bounds for all his time, and we suggest the executive committee be instructed to take steps in co-operation with the State Board at Montgomery to send out some suitable men during the next year.

That all our Sunday Schools be requested to purchase all literature from the Board at Montgomery.

That collections be taken in the churches to increase the present fund in the State. We should at least contribute $100.00 for this purpose.

H. C. Taul, Chairman.

After prayer by the Clerk, the Association adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met. Prayer by the Moderator. The report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted:

We, your Executive Committee report that we have not been able to secure the services of a Colporteur during the year, and that we have on hand $15.45 worth of books turned over to us by the former Colporteur, Rev. F. M. Woods.

C. W. O'Hara, Chair. Ex. Com.

The report on Indigent Ministers was read, received, and discussed by H. C. Taul and C. W. O'Hara, and a collection for Indigent Ministers was taken. Report adopted:

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

We, your Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers, beg to report that we have in our bounds three brethren, Revs. J. H. R. Carden, F. M. Woods and W. H. Armstrong, all of whom are in indigent circumstances. These brethren have worn out their lives in the work of the Master for the churches in our bounds; and now your Committee think it nothing but right that the churches should help them in their old age, at least enough to prevent suffering. We have reliable information that all of them are hard-pressed, and that Bro. Woods, especially, is needing assistance immediately.

H. C. Taul, Chairman.

The report on Education was read and received. Reserved the discussions of the reports on Ministerial Education and Education. Pledges for Ministeriall Education were made as follows:

Shelby church.....	$10.00	Columbiana church, ..	$10,00
Calera—by W. B. C.,....	5.00	Enon	5.00
Jemison	8.00	Longview,.....	5.00
Montevallo,.....	25.00	Six Mile,.....	5,00
Bethesda	5 00	Mars Hill,.....	4.00
Rocky Ridge,.....	5.00		
Total,.....			$87.00

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

To the Shelby Association:

Your Committee have to regret the too meager interest heretofore manifested by the churches of our Association in this important work. The question as to the necessity of sup porting this department of church work is not disputable It is conceded that the demands for an educated ministry, and such financial support as is necessary to its proper and effect ive maintainance in all our churches, constitute a growing and pressing claim upon all who profess an interest in the material progress of our denomination and welfare and advancement of the cause of the Master. The churches must of necessity have ministers to preach. The increasing demand for intellectual as well as moral and spiritual strength and activity in the pulpit is apparent; and to secure a better educated ministry, and to meet the growing and imperative demands of a people who are daily becoming better educated, the pulpit must keep pace with it and be equal to the situation that confronts it. Never before in the history of Christianity has there been such a demand for a ministry thoroughly educated and in all respects fully equipped and prepared to do the most effective service in the Master's cause, to combat the error and vice and infidelity by which we are surrounded, which stalks boldly into high places and often threatens the very citadel of religious liberty itself. To do this effectually, we are dependent in a very large measure, upon the work and influence of the ministry. The pulpit is a public school in no unimportant sense. The preacher should be able to teach. Yea, the necessities of the case demand that he be able to instruct properly and earnestly, in those things which pertain to the welfare of the soul and the highests interests of humanity. We think the churches cannot, consistent with their interest and their duty, longer ignore the importance of supporting this fund by liberal contriutions. The success of the work of the ministry depends largely upon the faithful work of the churches in this behalf. It is a striking and significant fact, apparent now as ever before, that the candidates for the min istry do not come from the ranks of the wealthy and families with the best facilities and opportunities for preparation in this important field, but as a general rule, they ceme from the ranks of the poor and those who have not the opportunities for such preparation. This is proof that enlistment in the cause of ministerial labor is a work of sacrifice. Hence the necessity for the help and support of those who offer to give their talent and lives to this work. If the churches would come up to the full measure of their duty in this work, the

highest desires and expectations would be realized in the advancement of the work of converting souls and the building up of the churches in a strong and intelligent membership thoroughly consecrated to the cause of the Master.

Your committee would call attention especially to one brother who has been made a beneficiary of the Board of Ministerial Education through the Bessemer church—Bro. J. W. O'Hara, who was formerly a member of our Association. In the judgement of this committee no better investment could be made in this direction than for the Association to make a liberal contribution for his support at Howard College. And we suggest that a special request be made by the Association to the churches to make collections for that purpose. Respectfully submitted, J. L. Peters, Chair.

The report of the Committee on Education was adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education begs leave to report as follows: Apparently there is more interest being taken by all in this good cause than ever before. Education is fast being recognized as a panacea for many of the ills with which the body politic and social is afflicted. And while the stringency in money matters has prevented a large attendance at the higher institutions of learning, yet there has been no noticeable decrease in the attendance on the common schools. It is to the latter at last we must look for the best results, generally speaking. The large majority of the youth of the land are now and will always be unable, for financial reasons, to avail themselves of the advantage of a collegiate training, even though tuition be free.

The success of the colleges and high schools depends to a large extent upon the thoroughness of the common schools. Among notable instances of progress in educational affairs is the munificent gift of the millionaire, Philanthropist, John D. Rockfeller. In July of the present year he gave Howard College $5,000,00$ This gentleman is the promoter of the Great Baptist University in Chicago to which his contributions run up into the millions. God grant that the eyes and pockets of our wealthy men may be opened to the wilderness of ignorance on all sides, and especially in Alabama, and that our own people may be more awakened to the importance of first class common schools

We, therefore, recommend the common schools to the Baptists of the Shelby Association; and we also recommend to

our boys the Howard College as a great institution of learning, and to our daughters the Judson Institute at Marion, Ala.

H. E. Reynolds, Chair.

The report on Periodicals was read, received and discussed by W. B. Crumpton, A. J. Shaw, J. D. Martin and L. P. Arnold, and the report adopted:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals beg leave to report for your consideration the following:

First—A careful and prayerful study of God's Holy Word.

We recommend the Alabama Baptist, and would be pleased to know that it was read by every Baptist in our bounds.

Our Mission Journal will help us to keep posted in all the enterprises of our denomination. We would insist upon all our Sunday Schools using the periodicals published by the Southern Baptist Convention. These are equal to the best and will prove a great help in the study of God's word.

W. L. Davis, Chair.

The report on Temperance was read, received and discussed by W. B. Crumpton, E. B. Teague, A. J. Shaw and the report adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee with pleasure can say that the sale of intoxicating liquors has not increased any within the past year, and we are satisfied that the cause of Temperance is gaining each year. We see now not half the drinking we did ten years ago and pray the good work may still go on, and we ask all to help us in the good work of finally driving the demon out of the land.

We ask our brethren not to countenance the use of liquor in any way and educate their children so as to have a perfect horror of it. We are aided in this by the growth Temperance has made in the past.

The tempter is not so common as it once was, and youths are not led astray now as they once were when it was sold at every cross roads in the country.

Thank God the good people are trying to drive it out of the country, and we believe the people are being educated up to the point where drunkenness will be greatly decreased.

We should endeavor to handle "blind tigers" with the law and stop the sale of wild cat whiskey and intoxicating liquors,

and pull together to put down the curse of drunkenness. Brethren let us be a unit in the good cause, and let our examples be such as to lead men away from drink and give all of our energy and influence to the suppression of this evil.

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. Arnold, Chair.

The report on Sunday Schools was read, received and discussed by H C. Reynolds and E. B. Teague:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

On examination of the minutes of the Association for the past year, and the letters of this, we find quite a number of our churches report no Sunday Schools. We, therefore, assume that they have none, and your Committee feel it their duty to urge the pastors and members of churches to renew their effort to establish a school with every church. The best literature for this purpose can be had from our Board through J. B. Collier, at Montgomery at a very low price, and where these are not available on any account, the Word of God, the Holy Bible is presumed to be in the hands of all, and an hour's study of it with our children and our neighbors will often be the means of reaching the heart of some child who might otherwise fail of conversion. Respectfully submitted,

H. C. Reynolds, Chair.

The report on Nominations was read and adopted:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We submit the following report:

For Executive Committee for the ensuing year—C. W. O'Hara, J. F. Averyt, James Gould, J. R. Davis, N. Thomas.

The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. H. C. Taul. Alternate—J. D. Martin.

Representatives to the Baptist State Convention—Dr. E. B. Teague. H. C. Taul, J. W. Mitchell, W. W. Roy, W. A. Weldon, R. H. Pratt

That the Next session of the Association be held with the Jemison Baptist church, commencing on Wednesday before the first Sunday in September next.

H. C. Reynolds, Chair.

The report of the Committee on Finance was read and adopted:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance report:

Am't. Rec'd.	for	Minutes		$31.20
"	"	"	Associational Purposes	3.35
"	"	"	State Missions	4.60
"	"	"	Home Missions	2.40
"	"	"	Foreign Missions	4.00
"	"	"	Ministerial Education	5.50
"	"	"	Indigent Ministers	6.45
Total				$57.50
Amount paid over to Treasurer				$57.50

J. M. CRENSHAW, Chairman.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

C. W. O'HARA, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH SHELBY ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1893-4.

1893.		Dr.	
Sept. 1.	To balance last report,		$98 02
17.	To amt. from Shelby church for Indigent Ministers		1 09
Oct. 1.	To amt from Florence church for Indigent Ministers		1 61
Nov. 21.	To amt. from Dogwood Grove church for Indg. Minst's		2 50
			$103 24

1893.		Cr.		
Sept. 1.	By amt pd. W. W. Armstrong Indgt. Minst.	$ 4 10		
	By amt. pd J. W. Wood, Ind. Minst	4 10		
7.	By amt. pd. Board Ministerial Education	5 00		
	By amt. pd. Colportage Board	10 26		
	By amt. pd. State Missions	14 28		
	By amt. pd. Home Missions	6 38		
	By amt. pd. Foreign Missions	9 18		
Oct. 12.	By amt. pd, Printing Minutes	20 00		
	By amt. pd. Express	1 15		
Dec 1.	By amt. pd. W. W. Armstrong, Indgt. Minst.	2 60		
	By amt. pd. J. W. Wood, " "	2 60		
1894.				
July 15.	By amt. pd. Associational Letter Blanks	40		
	By amt. pd. Clerk's Fee	20 00		
	By amt. pd. Postage and Stationery	3 19		$103 24

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Aug. 31, '94. Amt. rec'd, from Finance Committee $57 50

C. W. O'HARA, Treasurer.

The report of the Committee on Apportionment was read and adopted:

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

We, your Committee, beg leave to suggest the following Apportionment among the churches:

Brierfield,	$15 00	Longview,	12 00
Bethlehem,	5 00	Liberty,	25 00
Bethesda,	20 00	Macedonia,	7 00
Calera,	20 00	Montevallo,	63 00
Cahaba Valley,	30 00	Mars Hill,	12 00
Columbiana,	53 00	Mt Calvary,	12 00
Center Hill,	5 00	New Antioch,	10 00
Dogwood Grove,	20 00	New Prospect,	5 00
Enon,	15 00	Rocky Ridge,	12 00
Florence,	7 00	Six Mile,	30 00
Helena,	10 00	Summer Hill,	12 00
Jemison,	35 00	Shelby,	35 00
Kingdom,	5 00		
Total,			$475 00

Respectfully Submitted,

R. H. PRATT, Chairman.

Appointed Standing Committees to report at the next session:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Family Religion—T. M. Fancher, J. D. Farrington, G. F. Harper.

Education—R. H. Pratt, Frank Farrington, W. F. Thompson.

Ministerial Education—H. C. Reynolds, Wm. Lyman, R. Davis.

Periodicals—A. P. Longshore, R. H. O'Hara, W. G. Parker.

Aged and Infirm Ministers—Adolphus Wood, F. M. Fancher.

State Missions—J. D. Martin, C. L. Whitmore, W. C. Denson.

Foreign Missions—H. C. Taul, N. Thomas, G W. Stone.

Temperance—J. S. Moore, J, A. Chambliss, P. M. Fancher.

Sunday Schools—J. T. Averyt, S. J. May, J. H. Keith.

Bible and Colportage Work—J. W. Mitchell, E. B. McGuire, W. M. Kirbo.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the amount on hand fer Indigent Ministers be divided equally between the three beneficiaries.

Resolved, That the sum of $20.00 be applied to printing and distribution of minutes, and the remainder of the tund be applied to the payment of the Clerk for his services.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered this church and community for their kind hospitality during the session.

A parting hymn was sung by tne Mars Hill Sunday School, the parting hand extended and prayer was offered by the Clerk.

The Association adjourned.

E B. TEAGUE, Moderator.

C. W. O'HARA, Clerk.

STATISTICS OF SHELBY ASSOCIATION. 1894.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership Last Reported	INCREASE BY Baptism	INCREASE BY Letter	INCREASE BY Experience	INCREASE BY Restoration	DECREASE BY Letters	DECREASE BY Exclusion	DECREASE BY Erasure	DECREASE BY Death	Present Membership	SABBATH SCHOOL. Superintendents	Superintendent's P. O	Officers & Teach's.	Pupils	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Prayer Meetings	No. Taking Denominational Papers.
FIRST DISTRICT.																					
Brierfield	Bibb,	J. W. Mitchell,	L. P. Brock,	Ashby,	35		7			3				39	G. D. Smith		6	36	2		
Bethlehem†			J. W. Arnold	Montevallo										†29							
Cahaba Valley	Bibb,	J. W. Mitchell,	E. B. McGuire,	Furnace	105	18	6			1	1		4	123	G. F. Harper	Furnace	14	110	4		65
Calera	Shelby,	B. F. Giles,	D. W. Boyd,	Calera,	28					9				19	D. W. Boyd	Calera,	6	26	1	Weekly.	
Dogwood Grove†			R. E. Woolley,	Dogwood										†113							
Enon	Shelby,	H. C. Taul,	W. R. Lucus	Montevallo	54		3		1	2	1			55	P. L. Lucus	Montevallo	6	48	3	Weekly.	13
Helena	Shelby,	J. D. Martin	H. W. Bowers,	Helena	30	5	11	1		2				45							
Jemison	Chilton,		J. D. Hand,	Jemison	67	1	7			7				68	T. C. Hall	Jemison	7	80	2	Weekly.	
Longview	Shelby,	James Hogan,	C. E. Hall,	Longview	34	4		2	2	1	1		1	39	J. B. Adams	Longview	5	34	4	Weekly.	
Montevallo	Shelby,		Wm. Lyman,	Montevallo	62	1	2			14			2	49	Wm. Lyman	Montevallo	9	61			
Mars Hill	Jefferson,	J. D. Martin,	W. M. Poe,	Oxmoor	56	6	1			1	3		1	58	W. M. Poe	Oxmoor	4	20	3		
Macedonia†			W. T. Walker,	Montevallo										†42							
New Antioch†			Shelby Booth,	Gurnee										†100							
Six Mile	Bibb	J. W. Mitchell,	H. C. Owen,	Six Mile	129	5	2			15			3	118	J. S. Moore	Six Mile	13	72	1	Weekly.	3
SECOND DISTRICT.																					
Bethesda	Shelby,	H. C. Taul,	R. A. O'Hara	Wilsonville	104	6	8	8		7			1	118							
Columbiana	Shelby,	B. Teague,	J. L. Peters,	Columbiana	52	13	2			3	1		1	62	W. C. Davis	Columbiana	8	44	2	Weekly.	12
Center Hill	Shelby,	T. J. Cabaniss,	W. G. Hardy,	Wilsonville	44	6	4			14				40	W. W. Kirkland	Wilsonville	4	35	4	Weekly.	
Florence	Shelby,	Geo. Crumpton,	J. M Crenshaw	Lewis	72	1	1		2	10		2		64							
Kingdom†			W. T. Crumpton,	Columbiana										†23							
Liberty	Shelby,	R. W. Inzer,	A. F. Carden,	Weldon	128	4				9			4	119	J. T. Crane	Weldon	4	46	1	Weekly.	
Mt. Calvary	Shelby,	H. C. Taul,	J. L. Mooney,	Columbiana	54	2				1			1	54					2		
New Prospect†			W. C. Carden,	Weldon										†30							
Rocky Ridge	Shelby,	Geo, Crumpton	W. M Davis,	Columbiana	67				1	6				62					4	Monthly	
Summer Hill	Shelby,	Geo. Crumpton	L. A. Gould,	"	58	3	1		4	9	2			55							
Shelby	Shelby,	C. W. O'Hara	G. H. Averyt,	Shelby	52	17	4			4		2	2	65	J. F. Averyt	Shelby	6	45	1-3	Weekly	5
					1231	92	59	11	10	118	9	4	20	1589			92	657			

†Churches not represented; former clerk and membership given.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF SHELBY ASSOCIATION, 1894

CHURCH.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Bible and Colportage.	Indigent Ministers	Orphan's Home	Ministerial Education.	Judson Institute	Minutes	Association Purposes	Sunday School. State Missions	Sunday School. Foreign Missions	Sunday School. Orphan's Home	Sunday School. School Expenses	Ladies Aid Society. State Missions	Ladies Aid Society. Home Missions	Ladies Aid Society. Foreign Missions	Ladies Aid Society. Orphan's Home	TOTAL	PASTOR'S SALARY.	Repairs, Poor, Etc	Value of Church Property.
Brierfield	$ 2 30	$ 1 00	$ 2 25				$ 3 35		$ 1 50						1 30	65	1 65	1 00	$15 00	$80 00	$ 45	$1011 00
Bethlehem																						
Bethesda									3 00										3 00			500 00 ‖
Calera														13 00					13 00	128 80		2000 00
Cahaba Valley	1 20	2 60	3 35				3 00		2 50					12 00					24 05	50 00		400 00
Columbiana		1 40	1 63		2 80		2 80		1 25	1 25		1 55	2 05	22 73		4 00			55 86	150 00	*82 19	1200 00
Center Hill									1 10					2 07					3 17			75 00
Dogwood Grove																						400 00 ‖
Enon										75	75			2 17					3 67			300 00
Florence					1 61				1 00										2 61			150 00
Helena	1 00		1 00				1 25		1 50										4 75			1000 00 ‖
Jemison	1 60	2 87	3 73	2 17			10 00		1 50									15 00	42 57	113 00	†39 85	1000 00 ‖
Kingdom						5 70																300 00 ‖
Longview		1 00	1 00							75				3 50					6 25	45 00	10 00	700 00
Liberty									1 50	85									2 35	100 00		300 00
Macedonia																					§.	
Montevallo	‡9 25	‡15 25	‡22 00				25 00		3 00										74 61	183 50	255 48	3200 00 ‖
Mars Hill		1 00					50		2 00										3 50			300 00
Mt. Calvary									2 00										2 00			200 00 ‖
New Prospect																						300 00 ‖
New Antioch																						300 00 ‖
Rocky Ridge									1 50	50									2 00			200 00 ‖
Six Mile	7 00	3 00	5 50	75			5 15		2 50						2 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	32 90			1000 00 ‖
Summer Hill									1 35										1 35			200 00 ‖
Shelby	15 84	85	1 10	83	1 11		10 00	5 00	2 50		1 04			18 45				12 50	69 22	100 00	125 00	1200 00
Collection at Associat'n					3 65														3 65			
	38 19	28 37	56 07	3 75	9 17	5 70	61 05	5 00	31 20	3 35	1 04	1 55	2 05	73 92	3 30	6 65	3 65	31 50	365 51	950 30	512 92	16236 00

*$13 50 of this amount paid by Sunday School, and $68 89 by Ladies Aid Society. †$5 00 of this amount paid by Ladies Aid Society. ‡$19 00 of these amounts paid by Ladies Aid Society and $12 00 by Sunbeams. §$5 30 of this amount paid by Sunday School. ‖Former valuation.

CONSTITUTION OF THE SHELBY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the style and title of the Shelby Baptist Association.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of messengers from the churches in union. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, and for every additional hundred members, above the first hundred, shall be entitled to an additional messenger, but in the business of the Association, whenever the messengers from any church or body shall request it, the vote shall be taken by churches and in that event each church shall be entitled to three votes.

Art. 3. The messengers when called shall organize themselves into a deliberative body, by the election by ballot or otherwise as the Association may direct, of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. The Clerk may act as clerk and treasurer. These officers shall be chosen at each annual meeting from the members present, and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

Art, 4. This Association shall have no authority over the churches of which she is composed in any matter of local self-government; but shall have authority over its own members, and shall have power to withdraw fellowship from all churches that become heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

The only purpose of this Association shall be to promote the Declarative Glory of God by extending His Kingdom on earth through the medium of preaching the gospel, and other means in accordance with that gospel; to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ; and especially those united in this Association.

Art. 5. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union, on their sending up messengers to an annual meeting with a petition: and by those messengers agreeing to the abstract of principles adopted by this Association.

Art. 6. The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association written communications, specifying the names of the messengers, number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored, deceased since the last session, and all other information which the churches may deem of importance, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

Art. 7. This Association shall have a fund supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches, and all monies thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches through the committee on finance to the treasurer, who shall be elected and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall receive and manage funds according to the order of the Association, and present annually for insertion in the minutes, a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures.

Art. 8. This Association shall furnish the churches with minutes of every session.

Art. 9. This Association shall take cognizance of no query

sent up from the churches, unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them; then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of printed minutes of every session of this body and deliver the same to his successor in office.

Art. 11. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by proper rules of decorum, which it is authorized to form and amend as it deems wise

Art. 12. This Constitution may be altered or amended at a regular meeting of the Association by a concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present, provided such alteration or amendment be approved by a majority of the churches.

RULES OF ORDER FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN THE SHELBY BABTIST ASSOCIATION.

1.—At every annual meeting of this Association, immediately after the messengers names are enrolled, the Association shall proceed to choose, by ballot or otherwise as the Association may direct from among their number a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall hold their offices until their successors are chosen.

2.—The Moderator shall take the chair every day, at the hour to which the Association shall have adjourned on the preceeding day: shall immediately call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the minutes of the preceeding day to be read

3.—He shall preserve order and decorum; may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any two members; on which appeal no member shall speak more than once unless by leave of the Association.

4.—He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

5.—Questions shall be distinctly put; those voting in the affirmative shall say aye, and those of a contrary opinion shall say no. If the Moderator doubts or division shall be called for, the messengers shall divide; those in the affirmative of the question shall first rise from their seats and afterwards those in the negative.

6.—The Moderator shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise specially directed by the Association.

7.—At each annual session the committee on nominations shall name an executive committee of five brethren, three of whom shall be a quorum, authorized to transact any business of the Association during the recess thereof, and shall report their proceedings at each annual meeting of the Association.

8.—In all cas[illegible] the Moderator may vote; in other cases he shal[illegible] vote unless the body be equally divided; in that event he sh[illegible] give the casting vote. He may speak to any question, p[illegible] call some other member to occupy the chair while he i[illegible] speaking.

9.—The Clerk [illegible] enroll the names of messengers, minute the proceedings of [illegible] body, and perform such other duties as the Association may direct.

10.—The Treasurer shall receive, account for and pay out all moneys belonging to this body, according to the instructions of the Association, and perform such other duties as the Association may direct.

DECORUM IN DEBATE.

11.—When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat, and shall respectfully address the Moderator, and shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personalities.

12.—If any member in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Association the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order; in which case the member called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain; and the Association shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate. If there be no appeal the decision of the chair shall be submitted to; if the decision sustain the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, he shall not be permitted to proceed in case any member object without leave of the Association.

13.—When two or more members rise at once, the Moderator shall name the member who is first to speak.

14.—No member shall speak more than once to the same question without leave of the Association, unless he be a mover, proposer or introducer of the matter pending; in which case he shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

15.—Every member who shall be in the house when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Association for special reason excuse him.

16.—When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the chair, or being in writing, it shall be handed to the Moderator and read aloud before debated.

17.—Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the chair or any member desire it.

18.—After a motion is stated by the chair or read aloud by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the

body, but may be withdrawn by leave of the Associatlon at any time before a decision or amendment.

19.—When a question is under debate no motion shall be entertained but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged; and on motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to post pone indefinitely being decided, shall again be allowed during the session.

20.—A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except the Association be engaged in voting.

21.—A motion to lay on the table shall be taken without debate, and shall always be in order, except a member be speaking, or the body engaged in voting.

22.—On a previous question there shall be no debate. All incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.

23.—The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be put now?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present; its effect shall be to put an end to all debate, and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question

24.—No motion, or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

25.—When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative. it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or succeeding day, and such motion shall take precedence of all other questions except a motion to adjourn.

26.—No member shall absent himself from the house without leave of the Moderator, nor leave the meeting without consent of the Association.

27.—Should any member of this Association absent himself before the close of the session without permission from the body, he shall be marked in the minutes as absent without leave.

MINISTERS.

ORDAINED.

N. J Lucas, Montevallo, Alabama.
N. J. Jarvis. Dogwood, "
Charles Johnson, Montevallo, "
J. W. Whitfield, " "
I. N. Walker, " "
H. C. Taul, Helena, "
J. D. Martin, Pelham, "
W. W. Armstrong, (Aged Beneficiary) Wilsonville. Alabama.
J. C. Lyon, " "
E. B. Teague, D. D., Columbiana, Ala.
C. W. O'Hara, " "
W. W. Kirkland, Lewis. "
J. W. Wood, (Aged Beneficiary British, Ala.
J. D Mills, Gurnee, "
J. H. R. Carden, " " Weldon, "
B. C. Hughs, Weldon, Alabama,
J. W. Mitchell, Six Mile, "

LICENTIATES.

W. M. Kerbo, Furnace, Alabama.
James Davis, Columbiana, "
Thomas Davis, " "
I. J. Davis, " "
G. W. Moore, " "
J H. Smith, Lewis, "
I. J. Cabaness, Lewis, "